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Amdt. Dated: 05/19/2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion presented herein.

1. **Objection to Drawings.**

The first page of the Office Action indicates that the drawings were objected to by the Examiner. However, the Applicant cannot find any discussion of any drawing objection in the Office Action. Therefore, the Applicant is unable to respond and will respond once the objection is set forth by the Examiner.

2. **Allowability of Claims.**

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 5, 8, 14 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response the Applicant has amended the claims as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 1 and 5. Claims 3, 5 and 8 have been canceled. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Therefore, Claim 1, as well as dependent Claims 2, 4, 6-7 and 9-10 are in a condition for allowance.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form and presented as new Claim 28. Claim 28 as presented herein includes all of the limitations of Claims 1, 6 and 8. Therefore, Claim 28 is in a condition for allowance.

Claim 11 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 14. Claim 14 has been canceled. Therefore, Claim 11, as well as dependent Claims 12-13 and 15-16 are in a condition for allowance.

Claim 17 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 22. Claim 22 has been canceled. Therefore, Claim 17, as well as dependent Claims 18-21 are in a condition for allowance.

3. **Rejection of Claims.**

The rejection of Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-13 and 15-21 is now moot in view of the

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amendments discussed above. In addition, the Applicant has canceled Claims 23-27, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot as well.

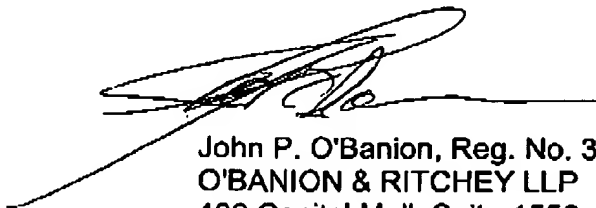
4. Conclusion.

Based on the foregoing, Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-13, 15-21 and 28 are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the various grounds for rejection in the Office Action be reconsidered and withdrawn with respect to the presently amended form of the claims, and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the present Application to pass to issuance.

In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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